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Sir:

Please advise the undersigned of the present status of the above-identified patent application.

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- 1. Status Inquiry Letter; and
- 2. One return postcard

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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